

Approved 8-16-2021

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AMENDED

The City of Warwick
Docket of the City Council
Regular Business Meeting
Regular Public Hearing Meeting
For
July 19, 2021
@
7:00 P.M.
Council Chambers
Warwick City Hall
3275 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886

Stephen P. McAllister, President

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Council President McAllister reads the zoom access into the record

Roll Call: 9/0

Time: 7:02 PM

Salute To The Flag: Don Cote and Family

Col Connor and Chief McMichael attended to his young daughter, Ariel, who had Injured herself at Fire Works at Oakland Beach.

Executive Communications

Jody King – Harbor Management Commission will provide a brief presentation (Informational Only)

Jody King – introduces himself, has been a resident of the City of Warwick for 60 years and has been on the commission for 31 years. Provides the council with Information as to the Commission.

7:48 PM Reconvened the Ordinance Committee

General Communications –

Council President McAllister – Tax Bills have been mailed out and there is a grace period – 1st payment is due 7-31-2021

Council President McAllister – People are struggling with housing Stopping of evictions will be ending soon.

Mayor’s office will be meeting with RI Housing re: two programs: (1) Rent relief program – anyone facing eviction (2) home owner’s assistance fund – this is a new program.

Council McAllister - \$85,000 Trails Grant from DEM - Green Major Trail Development. Grant will be used for Trails – working to make Apponaug walkable

Council McAllister – Improvements to Apponaug playground. There will be a public meeting, City receiving Federal Funds to improve the playground

Councilwoman Travis – August 3rd will be National Night Out, will begin at 5:00 PM and Fireworks @ 9:00 PM

Councilman Ladouceur – Affordable Housing – property values are through the roof – we need to build Affordable Housing

RI Builders Association has been communicating w/ Raimondo's staff to address the problem. Lack of product – outrageous increase of materials –

Time: 7:40 – Returned to Committee Meetings (Ordinance)

Time: 11:05 - Resumed the Full Council Meeting

A. Acceptance of minutes from council meeting held on:

None

Public Comment

RULE 41. After the General Communications and prior to the Consent Calendar at each City Council Public Hearing meeting there shall be a fifteen minute period during which citizens may comment about Warwick city government issues subject to the following stipulations:

- a) The total period of time for public comment shall be 15 minutes.
Comments need to be brief in order to allow as many citizens as possible to participate.
- b) The topics for comment shall be issues directly affecting City government.
- c) City Council members will not respond to questions during the public comment period.
- d) The public comment session will terminate at the expiration of 15 minutes.
Waiver of this provision requires unanimous consent.

Rob Cote – 11:08 PM and no one is in the chamber to speak – 1st thing we are going to do is accommodate the GP – no one would appreciate him calling them at 4:30 AM - Totally irresponsible. Jody King gave excellent presentation – appreciates his comments however need to look at, he was a special guest that spoke for 26 minutes but the GP splits 15 minutes – do you think that's reasonable? It's not reasonable and it's irresponsible. This meeting is an embarrassment government is failing the general public – set your alarm for 4:30 I'll be calling you all to chat

Barbara Walsh - Thanks for finding a way to hold the solar ordinance, this allows people to digest bill and very happy she has a chance to look over

in a thorough way.

**Suggestion – Council should form a Special Advisory committee
She asks to consider to ask people to speak and form a committee**

1. Appointments Requiring Confirmation – None

2. Consent Calendar –

**1. PCR-97-21 Resolution Relative to Bids
(Councilman Howe)**

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Howe**

Seconded by: **Foley**

**Adopted As Amended
R-21-92**

**2. PCR- 98-21 Resolution Relative to Claims
(Councilman Foley)**

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Foley**

Seconded by: **Rix**

**Adopted
R-21-93**

Consent calendar vote: 9/0

ITEMS REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR

PCR-99-21 2022-090 Emergency Services Software

Committee Report: (Finance): Favorable as Amended

Action: Favorable

Moved by: Howe

Seconded by: Travis

Vote:

Action: Favorable To Amend
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: Foley
Vote: 9/0
Adopted As Amended
R-21-94

Action: Favorable as Amended
Moved by: Howe
Seconded by: Foley
Vote: 9/0

Unfinished Business

(Items to be considered may include second passage of ordinances not tabled, first passage of ordinances not tabled, resolutions, reports of committees on items referred and previously tabled, removal of items from the table, and action on items removed from the table)

***Assistant Council Solicitor Pecchia addresses the public and clarifies that PCO-6-21 was noticed properly and Council is in order to proceed.**

- 1. PCO-6-20 (Sub A) An Ordinance relative to Amendment of the Warwick Zoning Ordinances: Regulations for the Installation of Solar Energy Systems**
(Councilman Sinapi)

Second Passage

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 8-16-2021**

Action: To Amend Title & Hold to 8-16-21
Moved by: Sinapi
Seconded by: Gebhart
Vote: 9/0

Hold 8-16-2021

First Passage P.H.

- 2. PCO-9-20 Ordinance in regards to amending Chapter 40-30, PCO-8-18 Smoking prohibited in public schools and on school grounds**
(Councilman Travis, Councilman Foley, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilman McElroy, Councilman Ladouceur, Council President McAllister, Councilman Sinapi, Councilman Gebhart)

Second Passage

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Favorable**

Action: Favorable
Moved by: Travis
Seconded by: Foley, Howe, Gebhart
Vote: 9/0

Second Passage

O-21-10

3. **PCO-16-21 Ordinance Regarding Modifications to the Method of Calculating Value Exemptions** (Council President McAllister)

Second Passage

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Travis**

Seconded by: **Gebhart, Ladouceur**

Vote: **9/0**

Second Passage

O-21-11

4. **PCO-15-19 (Sub A) An Ordinance regarding Health Insurance for City Employees** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage, As Amended

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 8-30-2021**

5. **PCO-30-19 Ordinance involving state law regarding unutilized commercial property** (Councilman Sinapi)

First Passage - Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Properties): **Hold 8-16-2021**

6. **PCO-4-21 Ordinance in regards to amending the process and requirements as they apply to individuals claims** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Howe, Council President McAllister)

First Passage, Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 9-20-2021**

7. **PCO-9-21 An Ordinance requiring the Warwick City Council to receive 60 days notice prior to taking a voted on any contract or benefit package in the City of Warwick** (Councilman Ladouceur)

First Passage, Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 8-30-21**

8. PCO-10-21 Ordinance Amending Section 40-33 of the City of Warwick Code of Ordinances – Adding Additional Penalties for Unlawful Use of Unregistered Off-Road Recreational Vehicles and Snowmobiles

(Councilman Sinapi, Councilwoman Travis and Councilman Rix, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman McElroy)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 10-18-2021**

9. PCO-11-21 An Ordinance amending Section 10-8 of the City of Warwick Code of Ordinances – Adding a prohibition on the sale of gasoline products to unregistered off-road recreational vehicles

(Councilman Sinapi and Councilman Rix, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Rix)

First Passage, Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 10-18-2021**

10. PCO-14-21 Ordinance restricting sale of firearms near schools and daycares

(Councilman Sinapi, Council President McAllister, Councilman Foley, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilman McElroy, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Travis, Councilman Gebhart)

First Passage, Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 10-18-2021**

Sinapi Motion to Suspend Rules 21A

Seconded by: Howe

No Objections

11. PCO-15-21 An Ordinance in regards to No Parking in front of 20 Ottawa Ave.

(Councilwoman Travis)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**

Moved by: **Travis**

Seconded by: **Howe, Ladouceur**

Vote: **9/0**

First Passage

- 12. PCO-17-21 An Ordinance relative to tangible property tax regarding vacant store fronts** (Councilman Sinapi)

First Passage, Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 8-30-21**

- 13. PCR-195-19 A Resolution relative to creating a Commission to study health insurance benefits** (Councilman Sinapi)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Hold 9-20-2021**

- 14. PCR-95-20 – Resolution in regards to erecting stop signs on the secondary roadways of Grimshaw Place, Hackman Place, Worth St., Crystal Dr. and Lockwood St.** (Councilman Ladouceur)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 8-30-21**

- 15. PCR-34-21 Resolution in regards to leases for City Owned property, terms to include but not limited to rental fees and other considerations.**

(Councilman Ladouceur)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Properties): **Hold 9-20-2021**

- 16. PCR-41-21 Resolution in regards to establishing a Charter Commission**
(Councilman Ladouceur, Travis, Rix)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Ordinance): **Hold 9-20-2021**

- 17. PCR-42-21 A Resolution in regards to designating a date to be determined Joe Gallucci Day in the City of Warwick** (Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Foley, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilman McElroy, Councilwoman Travis, Council President McAllister, Councilman Sinapi, Councilman Gebhart)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Properties/Land Use/Community Affairs): **Hold 8-30-21**

- 18. PCR-79-21 A Resolution to the General Assembly in relation to Computation of Municipal Employee Overtime** (Councilman Rix, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilman Gebhart)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 8-30-2021**

- 19. PCR-81-21 A Resolution in Observance of Cancer Awareness**
(Councilman Sinapi, Councilman Foley, Councilman Rix, Councilman Howe, Councilman McElroy, Councilman Ladouceur, Councilwoman Travis, Council President McAllister, Councilman Gebhart)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 8-16-2021**

- 20. PCR-82-21 A Resolution requesting the general Assembly review language in RIGL 28-12-4.1 "Overtime Pay" and it's fiscal impact on Rhode Island's cities and Towns** (Councilman Gebhart, Councilman Rix, Councilman Ladouceur)

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental) **Hold 8-30-2021**

- 21. PCR-91-21 Resolution to the General Assembly in support of legislation allowing for the restriction of the sale of firearms in the vicinity of a school or daycare by any seller except that any such sellers currently operating under such circumstances shall be exempt thereof at that particular location**
(Councilman Sinapi)

Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Intergovernmental): **Hold 8-30-2021**

- 22. PCR-94-21 2022-031 Purchase Automated Side-Loader Refuse Vehicle**
(Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Gebhart**
Vote: **9/0**

**Adopted
R-21-95**

23. PCR-95-21 2022-032 Purchase Rear Loader Sanitation Vehicle
(Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Gebhart, Ladouceur**
Vote: **9/0**

Adopted
R-21-96

24. PCR-96-21 2022-048 Purchase 2022 or Newer Rolloff Refuse Vehicle
(Councilman Howe)

Committee Report: (Finance): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Howe**
Seconded by: **Gebhart, Ladouceur**
Vote: **9/0**

Adopted
R-21-97

New Business

1. PCO-18-21 Ordinance in regards to No Parking Signage on the South Side of Chapman's From House #406 to Corner and on Pole #30-84 at 420 Chapman's Avenue (Council President McAllister)

First Passage

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Favorable**

Action: **Favorable**
Moved by: **Travis**
Seconded by: **Howe, Foley**
Vote: **9/0**

First Passage

2. PCO-19-21 Ordinance relative to registration of vacant houses in the City Of Warwick (Councilman Sinapi)

First Passage – Not Drafted

Committee Report: (Public Safety): **Hold 8-30-2021**

Unanimous Consent
All Pass

Referral and Advertising

PCO-20-21 An Ordinance Amending the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Warwick, Centerville Builders, Petitioner

PCO-6-20 (Sub B) An Ordinance Relative To Amendment Of The Warwick Zoning Ordinances: Regulations For The Installation Of Solar Energy Systems And Amending Administrative Procedures For Overlay Districts In Section 305 Of Appendix A, Zoning Ordinances

Motion to Adjourn: Travis

Seconded by: Howe

Vote:

Time: 11:36 PM

Next Available Numbers: PCR-99-21
PCO-21-21

Attest,



Lynn D'Abrosca
City Clerk

DOCKET SESSION

Ladouceur - A Resolution authorizing the recording of transfer deed from Harbor Light Marina Inc to the City of Warwick of Assessors Plat: 377 Lots: 66, 196, & 197 for highway purposes. Said Parcels to become dedicated as public highways to be accepted, improved and maintained by the City of Warwick for use by the general public (PP)

Gebhart – Ordinance regarding No Parking Signs (ORD)

Gebhart - Ordinance regarding to erecting a 'no parking boat loading and unloading only" on Robert Ave north of Charlotte Dr. (ORD)

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